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Sir:

This response is submitted pursuant to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005, to which a response is due April 21, 2005.

Claims 1-7 are pending.

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 21, 2005, Applicant elects with traverse, Group I, characterized in the restriction requirement for examination purposes only.

However, Applicants understand this requirement for election of species to be for initial examination purposes only, in accordance with MPEP §803.02, and not a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgeneric claims of this application to such species. If the Office Action is a requirement to restrict the scope of the generic and subgeneric

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